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Wickham Aggrieved by Action of Colleagues.

BILL REPORTED IN HIS ABSENCE

Opposition to His Request for
Recommittal of the

**SUGGESTION OF LECTURING
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

An Exciting Incident, Which
Had, However, an Amicable

Bill Amended, Defeated
and the Vote Recon-
sidered.

The session of the Senate of Virginia began tamely enough yesterday with the routine of opening ceremonies and usual work, but it ended in one of the most dramatic incidents in the history of the Senate. The scene came almost without warning in the beginning, but the conflicting currents of feeling soon began to assume such strength and force that long before the climax was reached it was observed and felt by many that such a culmination would be almost inevitable.

In the morning hour the Committee of Finance and Banks had reported favorably the bill of Senator Anderson, providing for the appropriation of \$150,000 in addition to that already appropriated for the repair, enlargement and improvement of the State Capitol. No discussion had followed the submission of the report, but when the special order was again disposed of and the Senate was about to adjourn for the day, Mr. Wickham, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and the veteran of the Senate

in point of service, rose to submit a motion to recommit the measure to the Finance Committee. In the course of his advocacy of the motion to recommit Mr. Wickham spoke in his most intense, emphatic and even impassioned manner, and in doing so used language which was construed by some to be in the nature of a lecture to the committee.

Mr. Shackelford, in an explanation of his part in the action of the committee

in considering and reporting this matter without the presence of Mr. Wickham, the chairman, intimated that the senator from Hanover seemed to lecture the committee.

Before the sentence had been completed, Mr. Wickham, with that spirit which is characteristic of him, interjected, "I deny any intention to lecture the committee, and herewith submit my resignation."

With that statement the tense feeling which had pervaded the discussion upon the subject of the case and the mo-

mentary silence which followed was immediately succeeded by a period of actively approaching excitement.

Not in Accord.

Mr. Shackelford withdrew his statement as to the senator's seeming to lecture the committee, but Mr. Wickham's spirit was aroused, and he replied, stating that for some time he had felt that

Mr. Anderson, of Richmond, city, was recognized, and spoke in a rather lively and intense earnestness was manifested in every tone in the matter, becoming at times ebullient in expressing his own motives and his course in the matter, the desecration of which had unexpectedly pleased him. The chairman thanked him.

Mr. Wickham then desired to withdraw his motion to recommit the bill, but ere he was settled in his seat again, the tall form of Senator Ople arose on the other

side of the Senate and he renewed the motion to recommit. "I see the senator from Hanover is writing his resignation," said Senator Ople, "and I desire to prevent that. It would be a calamity to the State." Continuing, the senator from Augusta eloquently commended the sena-

At this crucial moment the senator from Halifax, Mr. Barksdale, arose to the

cession and solved the difficulty by moving to adjourn. The motion was immediately put and carried without dissent. Immediately nearly all the senators crowded around the desk of Mr. Wickham and remonstrated, persuaded and sought in every manly way to induce the senator not to execute the radical step he had in contemplation, and from which up to this moment he had indicated no

Just what was said could not be distinctly heard where so many were talking. Presently, however, Mr. Shackelford was called by Mr. Wickham and came over to the group. The senator from Hanover and the Senator from

Orange exchanged a word or two in the nature of mutual disclaimers, and then the two clasped hands warmly, not to say affectionately, placed a hand upon the shoulder of each other, and the incident was most happily ended. It was evident that the Hanover senator, upon reflection and a proper apprehension of

the intent of his friend from Orange and their fellow sepiators, had determined to reconsider the action he was on the point of consummating.

How It Occurred.

In the discussion leading up to this dramatic incident, Mr. Wickham had

moved to take up Senate bill 540 appropriating \$150,000 for the enlargement and repair of the State Capitol. He then moved to recommit the bill to the Com-

William J. Bryan Charged With Using Undue Influence on Mr. Bennett.

WIDOW FILES DECLARATION

And Objects to All Bequests
Providing for Trust Funds for
Educational Purposes.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW HAVEN, N. J., Dec. 11.—Coun-
sel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Phil
Bennett, to-day filed a long statement

In the formal notice of appeal, it was briefly announced that objection would be taken to all of the bequests in the will providing for trust funds for education of the children.

will, providing for trust funds for educational purposes to be administered by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan, and also to the appointment of Mr. Bryan as executor and trustee. That statement was elaborated in the document filed to-day, which, after repealing the clauses of the will to which objection is taken,

says in effect, that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan "Induced and persuaded," Mr. Bennett to sign a paper addressed to William Bryan, and to copy a considerable part of another paper, the said copy to be addressed to Mrs. Bennett. The papers referred to are the sealed letter by which

Mr. Bryan and family were to be given \$50,000 by consent of Mrs. Bennett, and a letter similar in purport which Mr. Bryan produced in court.

Allegations of undue influence are made concerning all the clauses appeared from.

THE LIMIT GIVEN TO JOHN SMITH

Young Negro Who Robbed Restaurant at Point of Pistol Gets Twenty-five Years.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—John
Smith, the young negro, who created such
a sensation on November 19th by ente-
ring a lunch room on G Street about

o'clock in the evening and robbing the proprietor of \$28 at the point of a pistol and then shooting two policemen who pursued him, was to-day found guilty and sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment. Sentence was imposed in Criminal

The negro got the limit of the law. Fifteen years is the maximum penalty for assault with intent to kill. He was convicted on the first count of assault with intent to kill Officer Osburn and give

an additional ten years upon conviction on the second count, the attempt to kill Officer Edwards, who was only slightly hurt. In view of the sentence imposed in the assault with intent to kill cases, the charges of robbery and housebreakings were not pressed.

"Get-Rich-Quick" Verdicts.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch).
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A verdict of \$19,943 was to-day returned against Alfred G. Goslin and Robert A. Ammon, of the

Miller Syndicate notoriety, and the defendants in the first of a series of actions brought against the alleged "get-rich-quick" operators. The initial suit was that brought by the firm of commission brokers of Secor & Bell, of Toledo, O.
